

FUND TRANSFER BETWEEN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND LOCAL PROGRAMS

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

To obtain Commission approval to forward a request to OFM to transfer state funds from the highway improvement program to Local Programs as permitted by budget proviso.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

Commission approval to make this transfer.

BACKGROUND:

The Washington State Legislature has granted WSDOT the authority to transfer state funds from its Improvement or Preservation programs to Local Programs, in exchange for local federal funds. Small local agencies have found that many of the federal requirements are delaying the delivery of their transportation projects. The proviso assists local agencies in delivering their transportation program with no impact to WSDOT's construction program delivery. The local agencies are required to expend all the state funds within the biennium of the approved transfer. The state funds can only be used for 18th amendment eligible projects.

DISCUSSION:

Ferry County would like to transfer \$250,000 of federal funds to WSDOT, in exchange for \$250,000 in state funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission approval to forward this request to OFM to transfer state funds from the highway improvement program to Local Programs as permitted by budget proviso.

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